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METHOD OF SOLDERING LEAD-FREE
SOLDER, AND JOINED OBJECT
SOLDERED BY THE SOLDERING METHOD
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No.
10/009,168, Filed December 7, 2001)

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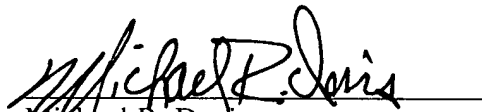
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 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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 - f. ☒ the JP '063 reference cited on the attached PTO-1449 form is cited on the PTO-892 form attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 20, 2003, in the prior parent application, Serial No. 10/009,168. A copy of the JP '063 reference was not enclosed with the Notice of Allowability in the parent application. However, since the Examiner cited JP '063 in the parent application, it is the understanding of Applicants' attorney that the JP '063 reference would have been accompanied by an English translation or abstract in the parent application.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	6,047,876	4/2000	Smith			
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